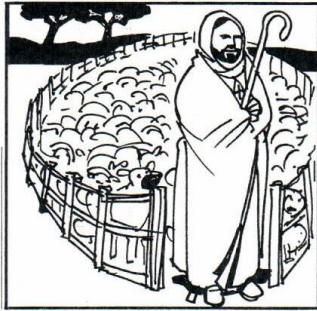


May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter



To Be Shepherd To Be Gate.

In today's gospel, Jesus is represented as both the gate through which the sheep gain entrance to the enclosure called the sheepfold and as the shepherd who knows and is known by his sheep. As the gate, Jesus is the way all who would be saved must pass through. As shepherd the shepherd who knows his own, he is the leader. All who recognize his voice and accept him as their Savior will follow.

MASS INTENTION



Thursday, May 7

5:30 p.m. Henrietta & George Migl,
Allan Wiedemann

Sunday, May 10

9:00 a.m. *Mothers Specially Remembered Today*

This Sunday's Mass will be on demand from St. Joseph's, Moulton for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and on our website www.stmaryspraaha.org.

Mass with a congregation will be at 9:00 a.m. under the pavilion at the Social Center in Moulton.

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

**Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Patsy Michna.**

**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Louis Barta.**



2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment \$8,179.00
Contributions So Far \$1,325.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$6,854.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Denise Greive

Elizabeth Patalik

Patsy & Leonard Tydlacka

Do please consider making a donation.

Communique from St. Joseph's, Moulton and St. Mary's, Praha Parish Office – April 28, 2020

In the light of Governor Abbott's press conference on Monday, concerning the Corona Virus and the loosening of restrictions in Texas, Bishop Cahill has come out with new directives for the celebration of Masses in the Diocese of Victoria, beginning May 1st.

Bishop Cahill's new directives concerning the celebration of Mass with a congregation on Sundays beginning May 1st were discussed with a group of parishioners from Moulton and Praha Churches. The following decisions were made:

1. Mass will be on demand on our Facebook page and website as usual at 9:00 a.m. from either Moulton or Praha Church on Sundays until further notice for all those who for some reason cannot participate in person at Mass.
2. Mass will be celebrated under the pavilion at the Social Center at 9:00 a.m. this Sunday in Moulton. Next Sunday's Mass will be celebrated under the auction pavilion in Praha. Parishioners from Moulton and Praha may participate in the Mass of their choice. Social distancing protocol will be observed. Parishioners are encouraged to follow the safety guidelines proposed by our state and local officials.

In addition:

1. The Church Bulletin will be mailed weekly to parishioners as in the past. Extra bulletins will be available in the Church.
2. Morning Mass will be celebrated in Moulton on Wednesdays and on Fridays at 8:00 a.m. in the Family Room. On Thursdays, Mass will be celebrated at Praha Church at 5:30 p.m. Social distancing protocol will be followed.
3. For any pastoral needs feel free to contact the Parish Office.

Your support and prayers at these challenging times are greatly appreciated. Hopefully soon, all of us will be able to come together to celebrate the Eucharist.

No Praha Pancake Sunday today, May 3rd. Look out for details about June's Praha Pancake Sunday.

REFLECTION

Jesus

The Shepherd to Emulate

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally *Good Shepherd Sunday*, but John 10:1-10 refers to Jesus as the gate as much as the shepherd. The claim of Jesus to be both the gate and the good shepherd of God's people follows immediately upon a rather heated exchange between Jesus and some of the Pharisees. The Pharisees are represented as the strangers to whom the sheep will not listen because they do not care for the sheep as Jesus does. While the Pharisees were content to criticize and condemn, Jesus had compassion, called sinners to forgiveness and healed both body and spirit. Jesus through his fresh interpretation of the law, opened the gate then enabled sinners to come home to God. Eventually, Jesus laid down his life for his sheep.

If this is the manner in which Jesus exercised his mission, then we, his disciples are to do likewise. Being a gate means offering witness that lights the path and eases the journey of others. Being a gate as Jesus was, involves a willingness to lay down our lives and spend ourselves in service for the sake of others. Such is the daily challenge of those called disciples of Jesus.

PARISH CENSUS

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

It has been several years since we have updated our parish census contact information. Many parishioners have disconnected their home phones, have email addresses, and/or have changed mailing addresses. In order to update our records, we ask that you complete the form below and drop it in the mail slot, or mail.

Thank you for helping us update our records.

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St. Mary's Parishioner Contact Information Update

Please Print

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Street Address (if different from above) _____

Phone No. _____

Cell Phone No. _____

Cell Phone No. _____

E-MAIL _____

* If you are not registered and would like to become a parishioner, contact the Parish Office or find the registration form online at our website: www.stmaryspraha.org.

SPECIAL MOTHERS DAY MASS MAY 10



To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop your Mother's Day envelope in the drop slot or mail **by May 4**.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS



The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.

Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For Family

For Roddy Barr

For My Family

To End Covid-19

For Bill Pinebrook

For Sydney's Anxiety

For Hayden Hummel

For James Farek & Family

In Memory of Henry J. Migl

For Salvation of My Family

To Stop The Virus Worldwide

For Baby Samuel Josef Sustr

For Healing From Corona Virus

Prayers For My Mom, Lucy De Arias

For Justine Velasquez & Her Baby Girl

For My Brother – May He Rest In Peace

Peace At Work; Conversion of Son's Heart

Praying For All Souls To Know & Love Jesus

For My Sisters Kitty & Paulette Who Are Ill

For The Guy Who Came In After Us To Know God

That My Real Estate Business Be Blessed & Prosperous

For My Brother Ruben Velasquez, May He Rest in Peace

In Thanksgiving For My Health & My Family; For The World

For Cooper Machicek & All People – Lord Protect From The Covid – 19

For Ruben & Sonathan – May They Get All Their Prayers Answered

Please Pray For My Family – My Children To Come Back To Church

For A Cure & Healing For Corona Virus & Prayers For Those Who Have Died From Corona

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 3 – Kristen Olsovsky

May 7 – Cynthia Stryk

May 9 – Daniel MacDonald